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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed on March 18, 2009, in which all pending claims 1-51 were subject to restriction. In particular, the position was taken that the application includes claims directed to two distinct inventions. Group I, claims 1-12, are drawn to automatically validating medical information received via a communication network, Group II, claims 13-38 are drawn to converting from a first data format to a second data format, and Group III, claims 39-51 are drawn to determining whether implantable medical device configuration parameters are configured properly.

By this response, the Applicant elects to prosecute Group III, claims 39-51, in this application. This election is made without traverse.

Examination of the application is requested. No fee is believed to be necessary in connection with this response. Should an extension of time, or any fee be required, the applicant requests that this action be undertaken and our Deposit Account No. 06-0029 be charged for the fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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